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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF (M.P.E.P. 1205.03)**

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Dear Sir:

As required, this Response is filed not more than one month after the Notification mailed on July 6, 2006 (Part of Paper No. 20060627), and is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal.

Amendments to the Appeal Brief begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Appeal Brief

Please delete section V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER in its entirety, and replace it with the following new section:

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

According to claim 21, the inventory control system comprises: a processor operable to determine a required quantity of material (pg. 6, 2nd paragraph; Fig. 2, 201; Fig. 1, 104); a means for communicating with at least one supplier of said material, wherein said communication includes conveying to said at least one supplier said quantity and a time frame and receiving from said at least one supplier a confirmation (pg. 6, 3rd paragraph; Fig. 2, 211; Fig. 1, 106); and a computer readable code processed by said processor, wherein said code is operable to re-determine said required quantity using feedback relating to a performance of at least one supply chain participant (pg. 6, 1st paragraph; Fig. 1, 111).

According to claim 22, the system of claim 21 wherein said feedback includes results of a comparison between an actual run rate and a corresponding anticipated run rate (pg. 5, 3rd paragraph; Fig. 1, 104, 110).

According to claim 23, the system of claim 21 wherein said feedback includes results of a comparison between an actual production yield and a corresponding anticipated production yield (pg. 5, 3rd paragraph; Fig. 1, 104, 110).

According to claim 24, the system of claim 21 further comprising: a computer readable code processed by said processor and operable to determine said quantity using one or more of a product forecast, a bill of materials, a material lead time, and a desired inventory level (pg. 6, 1st paragraph; pg. 5, Fig. 1, 104, 111).

Summary

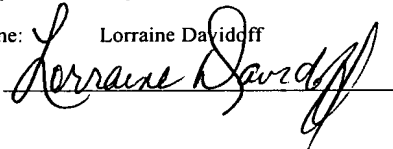
In view of the above amendment to the Appeal Brief, Appellant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the rejections of record be withdrawn.

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